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Aleppo Temple Initiates Ninety-two New Members at Spring Ceremonial

Ceremonies Attended by Over 3000 Nobles Potentates of N. E. Temples Honored

WITNESSING one of the most spectacular and unusual Ceremonials in many years, over 3,000 Shriners assembled at Mechanics Building, Friday, May 22, to participate in the Annual Spring Ceremonial and Strawberry Festival.

The enthusiasm of this large gathering proved that in these unsettled times certain types of fraternal meetings and entertainments are desired and necessary to keep up the civilian morale so necessary to assist in carrying out the war effort of our country.

With the modes of travel changing daily, due to the shortage of rubber, gas and other necessary items for transportation, the traveling accommodations indulged in by the Shriners to get to this Ceremonial were many and varied. One Shriner arrived at the meeting in one of Boston's new public carriers, a one-horse barouche driven by a liveried coachman. A group from the Worcester Shrine Club, being unable to charter their regular streamlined busses, hired private cabs to make the trip from Worcester to this Spring Ceremonial.

Many of the New Bedford Nobles shared their cars and others from the Whaling City came by train.

A few of our Shriners came by private cars but the steam train was the popular means of transportation.

The afternoon meeting was opened in Talbot Hall at 4:00 p.m. by Illustrious Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., assisted by his Divan officers. Ninety-two new Sons of the Desert were balloted upon and initiated by the ritualistic degree team in Talbot Hall. In addition to the new candidates 20 former members were reinstated and six Nobles affiliated with Aleppo.

At this afternoon meeting the following distinguished Nobles were elected to receive Honorary Membership: Illustrious W. Grant Smith, Potentate of Luxor Temple; Illustrious Charles W. Curtis, Potentate of Anah

Temple; Illustrious George J. Wallingford, Potentate of Kora Temple; Illustrious John M. Mathes, Potentate of Bektash Temple; Illustrious Charles E. Gibson, Potentate of Mt. Sinai Temple; Illustrious Joseph E. Marceau, Potentate of Cairo Temple; Illustrious William L. McCleary, Potentate of Melba Temple and President of North-eastern Shrine Council; Illustrious Raymond C. Bass, Potentate of Palestine Temple.

Illustrious Wilson A. Fenn, Potentate of Sphinx Temple; Illustrious J. Edward Knapp, Potentate of Pyramid Temple; Illustrious Henry S. Puder, Potentate of Salaam Temple; Illustrious William Cresswell, Potentate of Kismet Temple; Illustrious Joseph E. Maddock, Potentate of Mecca Temple; Illustrious Julius G. Smith, Potentate of Ismailia Temple; Illustrious Augustus C. Miller, Potentate of Cyprus Temple; Illustrious Thomas R. Allen, Potentate of Damascus Temple; Illustrious Edwin Brown Allen, Potentate of Oriental Temple; Illustrious William E. Frackelton, Potentate of Moslem Temple; Illustrious Harry J. Bowman, Potentate of Ainad Temple; Illustrious Ernest F. Purcell, Potentate of Crescent Temple; Illustrious Arthur E. Winter, Potentate of Jaffa Temple; Illustrious Louis Chackes, Past Potentate of Ainad Temple; George P. Johnston, treasurer, Moslem Temple; Louis N. Donnatin, Recorder of Mecca Temple, and Earl E. Jeffries, Recorder of Crescent Temple.

Following the afternoon meeting the Nobles were served the traditional Strawberry Festival in connection with the regular banquet by the Steward, Noble Albert E. Yarlotte, and his corps of assistants.

The evening meeting was opened in Grand Hall at 6:30 P. M. by the introduction of visiting officers by Potentate Wilson. They were ushered to the rostrum by Past Potentates Haskell, North, Pollard and Cahill.

Among the visiting officials were: Potentate Charles W. Curtis and Chief

Rabban Homer M. Orr of Anah Temple of Bangor; Potentate J. Edward Knapp of Pyramid Temple of Bridgeport, Conn.; Potentate Edward Brown Allen of Oriental Temple of Troy, New York; Potentate John Milton Mathes, Chief Rabban G. Leroy Gowen and Past Potentate F. Lawrence Bulfinch of Bektash Temple of Concord, N. H.; Potentate Raymond C. Bass, Chief Rabban John H. Williams, Past Potentate Earl C. Whelden and Director Myron Lockwood of Palestine Temple of Providence, Rhode Island.

During the evening ceremonies the various platoons of the Arab Patrol in their battalion drill were marked by three regular Army Officers on appearance, commands, marching steps and drill precision. In a close finish by a vote of two to one, the fourth platoon under William F. Sharpe finished first, thus supplanting the third platoon under Lt. Dixon, the present holders of the chevrons.

The Aleppo Choir received great applause for their musical rendition and the feature of the evening was a solo by George Wheeler, well known soloist and radio artist. Noble Wheeler, who is one of Boston's best tenor soloists, was one of the 92 candidates of this meeting.

Following the Spring Ceremonial's introductions and the work of the third section of the ritual, the Degree Staff, with the assistance of the candidates, entertained the Nobility with some new and interesting second section work.

To close the ceremonies of the day Noble Charlie Pike presented a vaudeville show which was enjoyed by all present judging by the applause received.

The events of the day in connection with the Ceremonial, were many and varied among which was the innovation for the first time in many years of sitting the 92 candidates in front of the stage in the main hall to see the entire work of the evening and marching them behind the officers rather than keeping them under the stage until the final ceremony.

The tallest candidate of the evening was Christian Herter, Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, and at present a candidate to succeed Congressman Tinkham.

Two fathers who are members of Aleppo sponsored two sons each as candidates for this May class. Noble Arthur H. Chandler of Middleboro sponsored his two sons, Howard L. and

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A MESSAGE FROM THE IMPERIAL POTENTATE

THE sound of the gavel will call the 68th annual session of the Imperial Council to order on June 29 in the Palmer House at Chicago. This Imperial Council is yours. Its personnel is a cross section of the highest type and best talent of our membership, carefully selected by the Nobility of our Order to render a service.

Dependent upon the size of your Temple, you have selected two, three or four Representatives, totalling 565. There are 13 members of the Imperial Divan, Representatives-at-large, and the Past Imperial Potentates, 15 members Ad Vitam. In addition there are 50 other Emeriti members, named because they have been elected by their respective Temples for twenty-one years or more. The mileage and per diem expenses of these 643 Representatives is paid by the Imperial Council so that each Temple may have its part in determining matters for the benefit of the Order. The honor conferred in selecting a representative carries with it an individual responsibility of loyalty of time and thought to these problems.

The Imperial Council is the supreme governing body of the Shrine. Two corporations have been found advisable in the conduct of its affairs. The Colorado Corporation is the so-called charitable body. In it is vested title to all the properties of the Shrine having to do with the maintenance and operation of our crippled children's hospitals. This corporation has assets amounting to around \$15,000,000.00 and must be conducted as any other business of its size and importance. The Iowa Corporation is the fraternal organization and has control of all matters pertaining to the Nobility, the Temples, and their relation to each other. These two corporate structures are identical in membership and have the same Board of Directors. The importance of many intricate problems, both business and fraternal, confronting these corporations is apparent. In order to expedite matters, much of the work is cleared through committees.

For instance, no revisions of by-laws or code can be considered until the legality and phraseology is passed upon by the Jurisprudence and Laws Committee. This committee and others are not intended to take any of the power or privileges away from the individual member. If this is your first attendance as a representative rest assured that you have a perfect right to question or oppose the report of any committee and demand open discussion before any action is taken.

Potentates and Chief Rabbans will meet again in an open forum to air problems and ideas so that solutions may be offered and beneficial plans returned to their Temples. The inauguration of this feature at the Indianapolis session last year was found to be a constructive measure.

Our Nations are at war. Our Temples support our national efforts to the utmost and adapt our activities to present circumstances. This Imperial Council Session will avoid the usual public parades with their attendant outdoor hilarity and pranks. Apart from necessary social amenities the session will be "strictly business." Many of the Nobility avail themselves of the opportunity to hear and witness our Council in action from the gallery. Of course, you are always welcome.

And now will you pardon a personal word? The first of July will start the year of a new Imperial Potentate. May I be the first to extend my heartiest congratulations and pledge my loyal support. I have enjoyed immensely these monthly chats with you. It has been my endeavor to vary them and have each carry at least one new thought. Your consideration and respect for the office, your kindness and generosity to me, will live always as a cherished memory. I am deeply grateful.

Sincerely yours in the Faith,

THOMAS C. LAW,
Imperial Potentate.



WELCOME! NEW MEMBERS

THE officers and members of Aleppo Temple welcome into membership in the Shrine the 92 new members created at our May 22, 1942 Ceremonial. We hope that their membership in our organization will be a source of continued pleasure and that they will participate in all the functions of Aleppo.

For one to display the scimitar and crescent is a distinct honor and privilege. We trust these new members will wear their Shrine pin with pride and enjoy the privileges associated with membership in this great organization.

To these new members may we say, we hope the lessons they received and the gratification they gave their friend in accepting his invitation to become a Shriner will prompt them to encourage some other worthy brother to join our Order.

CHIEF RABBAN LOMBARD APPOINTED IMPERIAL COUNCIL COMMITTEEMAN

WORD has been received from the office of the Imperial Recorder that Imperial Potentate Thomas C. Law has appointed Aleppo Temple's Chief Rabban, Willard P. Lombard to the Jurisprudence and Laws Committee of the Imperial Council of the Shrine.

We congratulate Noble Lombard on the appointment and commend the Imperial Potentate in his choice of one of Boston's outstanding barristers to fill a position on one of the Shrine's most important working committees. We know Noble Lombard will serve the Shrine with credit to himself and honor to the fraternity.



FEZ LEADS SHOW TO BLAST TOKIO

WHEN American flyers flew over Tokio to drop their effective calling cards in sight of Hirohito's palace, the United Nations cheered.

Now that the official news of the participants has been revealed, Shriners will let loose an extra lusty cheer because the intrepid and valorous leader of the bold expedition was Brig. Gen. James H. Doolittle of Al Malai-kah Temple of Los Angeles, Calif.

The citation accompanying the Congressional Medal of Honor with which the President personally decorated him tells the story in concise, thrilling language:

"Brig. Gen. James H. Doolittle, United States Army, for conspicuous leadership above and beyond the call of duty, involving personal valor and intrepidity at an extreme hazard to life. With the apparent certainty of being forced to land in enemy territory or to perish at sea, Gen. Doolittle personally led a squadron of Army bombers, manned by volunteer crews, in a highly destructive raid on the Japanese mainland."

Air Force Commander Lieut. Gen. H. H. Arnold, a member of Abdallah Temple of Leavenworth, Kansas, smiled approval as President Roosevelt, a member of Cyprus Temple of Albany, pinned the medal on Noble Doolittle's tunic.

A bashful, short man with thinning, slightly graying hair, Noble Doolittle has flown everything from the country's first army airplanes back in 1917 to the biggest bombers of today. He worked up to the present brigadier generalship the hard way. The courageous, efficient and accurate performance of his volunteer crew in their hazardous raid on Tokio is another evidence of the fearlessness and capability of this former cross-country speed demon. Direct hits on exact objectives, with every bomb reaching its target with precision and without any American air loss is the remarkable result of this dare-devil achievement.

Noble Red Skelton, radio comedian, quipped in one of his radio broadcasts: "Doolittle dood it!"

We can well imagine some of the Japs quipping: "Doolittle, Do-plenty!"



THE ALEPPO TEMPLE OFFICERS AND UNIFORMED UNITS step out for the first public showing of their newly acquired uniforms and do their part for the cause, in the "I'm An American" Day parade in Boston, Sunday, May 17, 1942.

TOP: The Aleppo Mounted Patrol passing in review at the State House and Illustrious Potentate Wilson, officers and units leading the third Division of the parade down Tremont Street. **CENTER:** Lieut. Beckman and his Second Platoon stepping along in military stride carrying the colors and the Mounties turning into Washington Street. **BOTTOM:** Arab Patrol making continuous cross on Tremont Street and the head of the Uniformed Units making the turn at School and Washington Streets.

Upper left, center and lower right photos courtesy Boston Post.

Upper right and lower left photos courtesy Fay Foto Service Inc.

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Russell W. Chandler, and Noble Edmund P. Blake sponsored his two sons, Winslow F. and Sgt. Edmund P. Blake, Jr., of the Quartermaster Corps.

Walter Smith, leader of the Shrine Band, received an enthusiastic applause for his cornet solo which is always enjoyed by the Nobility.

The visiting Nobility for the evening numbered 113 and they came from 27 Temples throughout North America. 18 of the Temples were outside of New England and as far away as San Francisco.

A familiar face among our visitors was that of Noble Dr. Winfred Overholser, former head of the Massachusetts State Department of Mental Diseases. Dr. Overholser is now Superintendent of St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, D. C. He was accompanied by an Imperial Council representative from Almas Temple of Washington.

Noble Charles F. Austin of Hopedale seems to be walking away with the title of Superman of Aleppo's Honor Roll for 1942. He has already obtained this year, the signatures on seven application blanks of candidates which tops last year's winner, Dr. Hugo O. Peterson of Worcester, who in 1941 inveigled six novices to sign their names on the dotted line.



MEET OUR NEW NOBLES

THE following were created Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at our Spring Ceremonial, Friday, May 22, 1942:

IRVIN G. AMMEN of Hopedale, Mass.
HERBERT ANDERSON of Newton Highlands.
GEORGE ARBOUR of Worcester.
SARKIS BARSAMIAN of Milford.
GEORGE W. BAUER of Randolph.
LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN of Newton Center.
GEORGE R. BECKHAM of West Newton.
FRANK L. BECKLUND of Worcester.
EDMOND P. BLAKE of Somerville.
WINSLOW F. BLAKE of Framingham.
ADRIAN E. BORDEN of Boston.
FRANK H. CARTER of Wayland.
CHARLES A. CASWELL of Amesbury.
HOWARD L. CHANDLER of Marshfield.
RUSSELL W. CHANDLER of Marshfield.
LOUIS CHEDEKEL of Lowell.
SAMUEL H. CHEDEKEL of Lowell.
BERTRAM G. CLARKE of Chelsea.
WALTER E. CORBETT of Milford.
MELVIN A. CORKUM of Worcester.
RICHARD I. DAVENPORT of No. Quincy.
PETER P. DE SILVA of Lawrence.
LOUIS DINNER of Newton.
OSCAR H. DJERF of Quincy.
JACOB DONATH of Medford.
HENDRIK KIP DOYLE of East Acton.
WILLIS DRESSER of West Roxbury.
DAVID H. DREWREY of Boston.
RALPH J. EDWARDS of Worcester.
MYER ETCOFF, of Brookline.
MADISON H. GOFF of Milford.
FRED W. GRAF of Newburyport.
WILLIAM E. GREER of Salem Depot, N. H.
HAROLD G. GRIMSHAW of Worcester.
HARRY GROB of Boston.
HAROLD E. HALL of Milton.

ROLAND B. HAMMOND, JR., of North Andover.

CARLETON B. HENRY of Taunton.
CHRISTIAN A. HERTER of Boston.
FRED E. HEYWOOD of Worcester.
KENNETH R. HOWARD of Milford.
MORRIS HURVITZ of Newton.
MEYER JAFFE of Fall River.
ERNEST H. JONES of Gardner.
FREDERICK R. KENNEY of Medford.
JAMES H. KING of Worcester.
FRANK O. KINGBURN of Worcester.
HAROLD L. KIRKPATRICK of Newburyport.
CLAUDE H. LE ROUX of Belmont.
BERNARD A. LOVELACE of Framingham.
ROLAND A. LOVELACE of Framingham.
HARRY LURRAINE of Mattapan, Mass.
DONALD E. MACDONALD of Newton Centre.
HOWELL MACDUFF of Worcester.
JOSEPH E. MALMSTEAD of Worcester.
HARRY L. MASTERS of Revere.
EDWARD G. MOODY of Lynn.
HAROLD G. MORRISON of Lynn.
ROBERT S. MORROW of Worcester.
GEORGE E. MOSHER of Worcester.
BURTON A. MURRAY of Brighton.
BRENTON S. MYERS of Middleboro.
JOHN B. NAYLOR of West Newton.
ROBERT K. NEWHALL of Lynn.
EARL L. B. NEWMAN of Lynn.
TAISTO J. NISSILA of So. Hingham.
EDWIN I. OFGANT of Milton.
CHARLES A. PALIOCA of Marlborough.
JOSIAH POETON of Lynnfield.
HEBERT P. POOLE of East Milton.
BURTON E. PRATT of Lynn.
GERALD F. DE HOFF REICHLEY of Boston.
GEORGE D. ROBERTSON of Worcester.
CHARLES W. ROBINSON of Worcester.
FRANK C. ROBINSON of Watertown.
CHARLES F. ROSE of Newton.
DAVID E. ROSEN of Roslindale.
BARNEY ROSENFELD of Mattapan.
CHARLES W. RUSSELL of Worcester.
ROBERT SACK of Worcester.
SAMUEL A. SCHRETER of Newton.
ANTHONY O. SHALNA of Cambridge.
EDWARD SMALL of Brockton.
FRANK W. SMITH of Worcester.
LOUIS STONE of Somerville.
ALFRED N. TAYLOR of Everett.
KENNETH A. TERWILLIGER of No. Middleboro.
CLARENCE E. VARNEY of Milford.
SHELLEY D. VINCENT of Mendon.
GEORGE H. WHEELER of Somerville.
WALTER E. WICKSTROM of Worcester.
ALLEN D. WILLIAMSON of Winthrop.



HONOR ROLL

THE following is a list of the Nobles of Aleppo who signed their names on the top line of the applications of our 92 candidates who were created Nobles at our May 22 Ceremonial:

CHARLES H. AMIDON
CHARLES B. ATKINSON—2
CHARLES F. AUSTIN—7
LOUIE A. BACON—3
WALTER E. BARR
AUGUSTUS J. BARTON, JR.
EDMOND P. BLAKE, SR.—2
DAVID M. BRACKMAN
HAROLD L. BURR—2
ARTHUR H. CHANDLER—2

ORMA L. CLARK
LOUIS M. COLLIER—2
GUY H. CUMMINGS
HENRY S. CUMMINGS
HENRY A. DANIELS
JOSEPH C. DEWOLF
GEORGE L. DOLLOFF
GEO. H. DUPAW—2
RAYMOND C. ELLIS
FRANK B. ELLS
WILLIAM F. ENTWISTLE
FRANKLIN G. FIELD
IVER G. FREEMAN
WALTER B. FRENCH
GEORGE W. GARDNER
WILLIAM L. GRAY
HORACE G. GRIFFITH
ROLAND B. HAMMOND
LEROY S. HARRIS—2
ALLYNE W. HIXON—2
CHARLES E. HOLTON—2
GEORGE E. HURLBERT
JARED JERNEGAN
ALEXANDER F. JOHNSTONE
DAVID B. JONES—3
G. WILLARD KING
WILMER P. KNEALE
ELMER F. LEACH
HARVEY B. LEGGEE
RICHARD M. LEVINE
WILLARD P. LOMBARD
JOHN F. LOWEY
FRED Y. MARSHALL—3
FRANK W. MORRILL
EDGAR H. PATTERSON
CHARLES W. PIKE
KARL W. REECE
FREDERICK E. RICHARDSON—2
JOSEPH C. SAALFRANK
GUY SARGENT
HERMAN D. SCHRETER
WILLIAM J. SHANNON
ARTHUR A. SONDEHEIM—2
HAROLD W. SPRAGUE
ANDREW STENBERG
LYMAN H. TWISS
HARRY W. TWIGG—2
JAMES H. WILSON
ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.—3
FRED H. WILCKE
CHESTER E. WILLIAMS
LEON J. WINCH
RALPH L. WITHERELL—2
HARRY C. YOUNG
FREDERICK W. ZEUNER

LIST OF HONOR ROLL FOR JANUARY CLASS

GEORGE C. BESTICK—2
HOWARD M. BEVERLY
FRED L. BRIGGS
KENNETH O. BROWN
CLIFFORD R. CARTER
W. LESLIE DIXON
GEORGE L. DOLLOFF
PRESCOTT W. EATON
EDWARD A. FILLEBROWN
RANGNAR FRIDOLIN
ARTHUR J. HIGGINS
JOHN C. HOULNE
JOSEPH KANOSKY
WILLIAM H. KILLAM
DUNCAN MACLAUCHLAN
A. KENNETH MARTIN—2
WALTER W. MORRISON
DR. HUGO O. PETERSON
AUGUSTUS S. QUICK
HENRY W. RICKER
SAMUEL O. SMITH
ARTHUR A. SONDEHEIM
ANDREW STENBERG
ABNER STODDER
GEORGE H. B. TURNER
JAMES H. WILSON—2
ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.—6.



By J. ARTHUR MCCOY
Associate Editor

THE parade on Sunday, May 17—"I Am An American Day"—brought out practically every member of our unit. Perhaps it was just as well that the shower came as we started into line instead of later: the uniforms became dry in the sunshine as we finished the three-and-a-half-mile march.

Lieut. Sharpe's fourth platoon won the marching honors at the Ceremonial, May 22, according to the military judges. And now these little fellows of the fourth will wear the shoulder cords for awhile.

Our list of "Dads of Soldiers" is further increased by three. Fred Wilder's son, Lieut. Richard L. Wilder, has joined the coast artillery, at Fort Eustis, Virginia. John C. Campbell, son of Alex Campbell of the fourth platoon, is a member of the 171st Infantry Regiment, at Fort Lewis, Washington. Everett E. Sargent, Jr., son of Everett Sargent of the first platoon, is an air cadet, at Shaw Field, Sumpter, S. C. Fred Thorley, son of Lt. Al. Thorley, and whom we mentioned last month as inducted at Devens, is already on active duty with the artillery at Richmond, Cal.

The members of the first platoon had one of their periodic good times Friday evening, May 15, at Fred Wegener's restaurant, 16 Taft Avenue, Point Shirley, Winthrop. There were thirty members present and Capt. Keough was a guest. They had a shore dinner a la Wegener, card games, and moving pictures.

George Gardner, our popular policeman, has had new honors added to his crown again this past month. On May 15 George was elected President of the Massachusetts Federation of Square and Compass Clubs. These clubs comprise the Anchor, Andover, Beverly, Boston, Engineers', Canopy (legislators), Everett, Fraternity, Hillcrest, Ionic, Kilwinning, Mosaic of Milton, Police, Stoneham, and Transit (Boston Elevated) Clubs. George must be a dandy organization man because he is always getting elected to some office.

Harvey Leggee, our Assistant Recorder, recently received a note from Noble Harold R. Bates, formerly of the second platoon and now living in Buffalo. Noble Bates is adjutant of Ismailia Temple patrol. He says that he follows the activities of the Aleppo patrol and members with interest.

Now let's hear from you patrol members throughout the summer. Drop a line to the office and tell us what you are doing—and why.

ALEPPO'S MILITARY HONOR ROLL

IN addition to the names of our Nobles previously listed, the following members are in the Armed Forces of our country.

LEE H. TUCKER, *Captain of Cavalry*, Fort H. G. Wright, New York.

COL. HENRY D. CORMERAIS, *Inspector-General of Massachusetts State Guard*.

HAROLD F. MERRILL, *Civilian Operations Officer*, Officer of the Area Engineers, Madison, Wisconsin.

CHRISTOPHER J. SULLIVAN, *Lieut-Commander, U. S. Coast Guard*, Federal Building, Norfolk, Va.

GEORGE W. ROBERTS, *Captain*, U. S. Army Air Corps.

A. F. O. CEDERSTROM, *Major*, Q. M. C. Depot Quartermaster, Richmond General Depot, Richmond, Va.

Aleppo Temple is proud to list these Nobles and hopes that the time is not too far distant when they will again return to their homes and participate in the future Ceremonials of the Shrine.

If you are a member of Aleppo, or know of any member of the Temple serving our country, we would appreciate it if you would advise the ALEPPO NEWS, that proper recognition may be given and the name inscribed on our records.



SHRINE BAND COMMANDERY ESCORT IN MASONIC PARADE

ON Mother's Day, Sunday afternoon, May 10, 1942, the Aleppo Temple Shrine Band on invitation of Eminent Sir Samuel R. Smith, paraded with Sir Knights of Temple Commandery of Norwood, and Cyprus Commandery of Hyde Park, acting as escort for members of the 14 Blue Lodges comprising the Old Dedham District. These lodges included Montgomery Lodge of Milford, Meridian Lodge of Natick, Rising Star Lodge of Stoughton, Saint Albans Lodge of Foxboro, Orient Lodge of Norwood, Blue Hill Lodge of Canton, Hyde Park Lodge, Excelsior Lodge of Franklin, Charles River Lodge of West Medway, Constellation Lodge of Dedham, Norfolk and Nohoiden Lodges of Needham, Wellesley Lodge, and Azure Lodge of Walpole.

Parading from Dedham Masonic Temple to the First Church in Dedham, founded in 1638, members of the Masonic Fraternity participated in divine worship conducted by the Rev. Lyman V. Rutledge, the address being delivered by Rev. and Wor. Brother D. Joseph Imler, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The annual Tree Planting Ceremony was held on the church green immediately following the church service, and was dedicated to the Mothers of

Old Dedham, to the First Free School, and to the Sons of Liberty.

Em. Sir Samuel Smith's staff included Em. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Commander of the 8th Division of the Grand Commandery, Past Commander of Boston Commandery and Potentate of Aleppo Temple; Sir Frank B. Ellis, Deputy Grand Warder for the 8th Division; Em. Sir F. Henry Caffin, Deputy Grand Warder to the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, and Past Commander of Cyprus Commandery No. 39; Em. Sir William F. Sharpe, Commander St. Omer No. 21; Em. Sir Donald P. Knight, Commander Joseph Warren No. 26; Em. Sir Stanley I. Freeman, Commander Cyprus No. 39; Em. Sir William H. Taubert, Past Commander Trinity No. 32; Em. Sir Samuel H. Selloy, Past Commander Gethsemane No. 35; Em. Sir Christian A. Zappe, Past Commander Cyprus No. 39, and Sir Donald S. Reeves, Capt. General Cyprus No. 39.

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BY NOBLE CHARLES C. FEARING

Associate Editor

"AND THE BAND PLAYED ON"

MAY was a busy month for the boys in the band, with parades three Sundays in a row. We expect to get excommunicated for missing church services so often. But then it was for a good cause.

The first event was Sunday, May 10, when the band went to Dedham for the Mothers' Day celebration under the auspices of the Blue Lodges of the Old Dedham District. The band appeared for the first time in the new uniforms and made a snappy appearance. The route was a short one but gave the boys a chance to limber up their marching legs for what was to follow.

Sunday, May 17, the band and uniformed units took part in the big parade in Boston. The morning was cloudy and it began to sprinkle just as we left headquarters and marched to the starting point at the head of the second division. While waiting to swing into line it started to rain in earnest and kept up all the way up Beacon Street until just before we reached the State House. "But the band played on," although those new uniforms sure got wet. They stood it better than we thought they would, however.

And speaking of the new uniforms: they are a "two-man" suit. In other words it takes two men to get one dressed, as the vests have "tie strings" in the back, and a guy would have to be a contortionist to get into 'em all alone. We may have to take along a valet to help us dress. We can now sympathize with the femmes who used to wear dresses that buttoned up the back. 'Member how we married men used to sweat (and swear) trying to get the darned things all hooked up.

The boys haven't quite mastered the buckles on the trousers, or rolling the stockings so they will stay put. In the 17th parade the buckles on two or three of the "breeks" let go and the wearers finished the parade with one leg of their trousers flapping around their ankles. However, they will get the knack after they have worn them awhile.

The morning of Sunday, the 24th, dawned dark and dreary, and it looked as though we were in for another soaking, but Old Sol broke through at noontime and turned on the heat. The band turned out a goodly number and the several Commanderies that joined with the Boston Commandery put on a creditable show. But those band uniforms certainly do "brighten up the corner".

Then there was the Spring Ceremony on May 22, and the band was right on the job. We played a short

concert during which our Leader, Walter Smith, rendered a cornet solo, and did a swell performance as usual. The bass section had a welcome addition to its ranks, as Nobles "Bill" Gens and "Charlie" Zimmerman traveled all the way from New York to sit in. These two Nobles are "crackerjack" bass horn tooters, and they certainly furnished plenty of the right kind of "oom pah" during the concert. We were again indebted to Noble "Charlie" Leavitt for driving us home. Thanks for the "buggy ride", Charles.

Noble John Gray was back with us after several weeks, but Noble "Bill" Koenig was among the missing, so there was no one to start an argument with John. The Forum seems to have gone blooey, and the only excitement we have now while waiting for the rehearsal to start Monday nights is to watch "Si" Wilton to see what sort of a new cigar lighter he will pull out of his vest pocket or some other portion of his clothing. We don't believe he will be able to keep 'em all filled now gas rationing is in force. He certainly ought to rate an X card.

C. C. F.



SHRINERS PARTICIPATE IN KNIGHT TEMPLAR PARADE

ON Sunday, May 24, the Aleppo Temple Shrine Band participated in a parade for the third successive Sunday, having paraded at Dedham on Sunday, May 10, and in the "I Am An American" Parade in Boston on May 17.

Sunday was the annual Knight Templar Ascension Day Parade and Church Service under the auspices of Boston Commandery, K. T., the parade being led by the Aleppo Temple Shrine Band. Eminent Sir Walter E. Duncan, Commander; James S. W. Rogers, Generalissimo; and Frank B. Ellis, Captain General of Boston Commandery are all members of Aleppo Temple. The service was at Trinity Church and the other participating Commanderies were:

DeMolay of Boston with Eminent Sir Karl W. P. Reece, Commander; Winthrop Commandery with Eminent Sir Edmund Kitson as Commander; St. Omer Commandery of Dorchester with Wm. F. Sharpe, Jr. as Commander; Andrew B. McCulloch, Generalissimo and William J. Whitley as Captain General. (All members of Aleppo Temple.)

Joseph Warren Commandery of Roxbury with Donald P. Knight as Commander; Palestine Commandery of Chelsea with George O. Lake as Commander; Quincy Commandery with Eminent Sir Joseph E. Burt as Commander accompanied by a Band.

ALEPPO BRIDGE PARTY BIG SUCCESS

THE Nobility will be pleased to learn the final results of our most recent Charity Fund Card Party held at the Copley-Plaza on Friday evening, March 20, 1942, in comparison with earlier events of a similar character. October 19, 1940, at Statler Hotel, 232 players participated—665 tickets were sold—total proceeds, including candy sales and donations, \$380.40. March 28, 1941, at Copley-Plaza, 264 players participated—658 tickets were sold—total proceeds \$406.90. October 31, 1941, at Statler Hotel, 312 players participated—608 tickets were sold—total proceeds (after tax) \$348.45. March 20, 1942, at Copley-Plaza, 388 players participated—741 tickets were sold—total proceeds (after tax) \$528.10.

The Potentate is thus more than pleased to announce that our most recent party in March showed the largest number of players, the largest number of tickets sold, and (despite the tax) the largest proceeds. It is contemplated that a fifth dance and card party will be held at the Hotel Statler on Friday evening, October 30.

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By NOBLE J. HOWARD MACAULAY
Associate Editor

THE Ceremonial Friday, May 22, 1942, was very satisfactory to the Degree Staff and the Second Section was evidently greatly enjoyed by the Nobility. We were very fortunate to have a group of excellent candidates physically fit and very willing to co-operate with the Degree Staff in entertaining the Nobility.

Outstanding among those to be introduced to the "Hot Sands" were the following, with their numbers as they appeared on the floor:

No. 1—Bernard Lovelace, of Framingham; No. 2—Frank Carter, of Wayland; No. 3—Ed Ofgant, of Milton; No. 4—Brenton Ayers, of Middleboro, and the biggest guy we ever saw and the most co-operative; No. 5—Tiny Nesila, of Hingham; No. 6—Dick Davenport, of Quincy; No. 7—Bob Morrow, of Worcester, and also No. 8—Bob Sack, of Worcester; three boys from Lynn, Nos. 9, 10 and 11 respectively, Doc Newman, Bob Newhall, Bert Pratt; No. 12—Joe Poeton, of Lynnfield.

To these candidates, who really worked and got the works, the Degree Staff welcomes you to Aleppo Temple and thanks for your co-operation and fine performance.

The Degree Staff was entertained by Carl Priest on Friday, May 9, 1942, at his home. The Potentate honored us with his presence and Carl served ham hock dinner with sauerkraut, frankfurts, potatoes, coffee and dessert. He also provided very excellent entertainment which we shall long remember. Thank you, Carl, for your hospitality.

News Item:

Eddie Adolph's watch has been found, appraised and returned.



NEW BEDFORD SHRINE CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL POTENTATE'S NIGHT

OVER 100 Shriners and their guests including officers from Fort Rodman of New Bedford, met in the New Bedford Hotel Wednesday, May 13, to celebrate the Annual Potentate's Night sponsored by the Shrine Club of South-eastern Massachusetts; with Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. of Aleppo Temple as the honored guest.

Accompanying Judge Wilson was his Divan, including Willard P. Lombard,

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The official party arrived early in the afternoon and were guests of the local committee at the home of Past President William Beserosky.

President William Stitt was in charge of the arrangements for the day and acted as toastmaster, introducing the Shrine officials and guests at the banquet in the evening.

Among the guests were Past Imperial Potentate Clarence M. Dunbar of Providence, Potentate Raymond C. Bass of Palestine Temple, Providence, and a number of Army officers from Fort Rodney in New Bedford, several of whom were Shriners.

Potentate Wilson was the principal speaker following the banquet. He delivered a most interesting talk on general conditions of Shrinedom, nationally and locally. At the conclusion of his address he was presented a gift of Wamsutta sheets, made in New Bedford, by President William Stitt. Following the speakers an entertainment was presented during which time Billy House, well known moving picture actor and summer resident of Mattapoisett, entertained briefly.

MASONIC FIGURES

THE following interesting facts are taken from Consolidated Statistical Table of Masonry in the United States and Associated Organizations as prepared by J. Edward Allen of Warren, N. C., "Masonic Reviews":

In the United States there are 15,627 Masonic Lodges and 2,509,498 Master Masons. There are 3,456 Chapters R. A. M., with a total of 497,686 Royal Arch Masons; 1,361 Councils R. & S. M., with 163,656 Select Masters; 1,625 Commanderies with 244,117 Knights Templar.

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